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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **A Composition Comprising a Metal Chelator and a Method of
Treating Amyloidosis by Administering the Metal Chelator**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Reply Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(1);
3. Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b);
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$145.00 to cover the oral hearing fee; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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